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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, CZ, VT  
SUBJECT: VATICAN-CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TALKS ACHIEVE MODEST SUCCESS

REF: ROME 15657 AND 14018

1. INsofar AS VATICAN IS CONCERNED THE 10-DAY TALKS  
WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIAN DELEGATION (SEPTEMBER 19-27)  
PRODUCED ONLY MODEST ACHIEVEMENTS AND MAJOR DEADLOCK  
STILL PERSISTS IN OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS.  
REPORTEDLY THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON THE CREATION OF  
AN ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE IN SLOVANIA BUT THERE  
WAS NO AGREEMENT ON NOMINATIONS OF BISHOPS FOR  
SLOVANIA OR MORAVIA.

2. WITH REGARD TO NEW NOMINATIONS, GOC DELEGATION  
WAS AGREEABLE TO ACCEPTING VATICAN NOMINEES FOR NEW  
BISHOPS PROVIDED THAT "SOME" GOVERNMENT NOMINEES  
FROM AMONG THE "PEACE PRIESTS" WERE, AT THE SAME  
TIME, NAMED AUXILIARY BISHOPS. NEGOTIATIONS ON  
THIS POINT WERE VERY HARD ON BOTH SIDES. REPORTEDLY,  
LEADING ROLE IN GOC DELEGATION WAS PLAYED BY "PARTY  
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REPRESENTATIVE" DR. FRANTISEK CINOLDR, RATHER THAN  
THE FORMAL GROUP LEADER, KAREL HRUZA. ADDITIONALLY,  
JELINEK OF SLOVAKIA, THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE GOC  
DELEGATION, WHO WAS DESCRIBED AS "CULTURED AND POLITE,"  
ALSO SHARED "HARD APPROACH."

3. VATICAN HAS INFORMED US THAT A COMMUNIQUE WILL

BE ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PRAGUE AND IN VATICAN CITY AT MID-DAY TODAY (SEPTEMBER 29), WHICH WILL STATE THAT (1) THE TWO DELEGATIONS, HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER CASAROLI AND HRUZA, EXAMINED IN "OPEN AND FRANK" ATMOSPHERE THE POINTS WHICH WERE ON THE AGENDA; (2) POINTS UPON WHICH DELEGATIONS EACHED AGREEMENT WOULD BE REFERRED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES FOR APPROVAL; AND (3) POINTS UPON WHICH THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT WOULD BE RE-EXAMINED IN RESUMED TALKS "VERY SOON."

4. A VATICAN OFFICIAL IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 23, TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE GOVERNMENT-PROPOSED NOMINEES FOR AUXILIARY BISHOPS. FORMAL TALKS BETWEEN TO THE TWO DELEGATIONS WILL RESUME IN PRAGUE IN DECEMBER, AS WE UNDERSTAND THE VATICAN IS STILL INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATING A MEANINGFUL PACKAGE WITH THE GOC PRIOR TO THE END OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI ACCORDS. HOLMES

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